

Next Committee Meeting: Tue 20th October at 5.15 pm,

Wagga Concert and Workshop 24th & 25th October.
Three Choirs at the **Wagga Civic Theatre** :
Wagga City Rugby Male Choir, Australian Rugby Choir
And the Orange Male Voice Choir. Saturday 24th October

Monday 14th December; **Break-up Christmas Party**, 6.30
p.m, Roger Nancarrow's place at 179 Woods Lane.

If you have photos or stories you would like to share please send them to
the editor; speno.1@bigpond.com

A Lasting Legacy

*Have you considered providing an
enduring gift to the Choir? A bequest in
your Will could be used for general
purposes or else contribute towards
specific needs such as transport and other
performance expenses. Contact the
Secretary for further information.*

Thank you

The Choir was recently honoured to receive a bequest of \$2,500 from the estate of the late Ursula Jones. We are very grateful to the Mead family for considering us in this way. The bequest will be of great assistance to us. It is uplifting for us all when our Choir's singing is recognised in such an appreciative way.

NOTES

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Choir News

Neryl Burn has asked for assistance in cleaning up Don's Shed and it has been decided that a Working Bee this Saturday 26th will be held at 10 a.m. Neryl is donating all Don's tools, equipment and fasteners, and these will be put into a clearing sale which is in the process of being organised. We are hoping to make this clearing sale a big choir-fundraiser and will be calling for all members and associates to also donate items currently taking up space in their sheds. Rob Westcott is donating his services as auctioneer and we shall be operating a BBQ on the day, definitely a Saturday, probably in the middle of November.

So take up the opportunity to do a bit of Spring cleaning and put aside a few items. Soon we will be organizing storage of this stuff so we can build up a decent catalogue and start advertising the sale. All proceeds will go towards tour subsidies to help choristers participate in Concerts outside our region.

At this month's Management Committee meeting a decision was taken to commence planning and working towards a concert tour of Tasmania in the Spring of 2011 (hopefully not during the Rugby World Cup) and that our Term Deposit Account will be specifically used for that tour's travel subsidy.

Next year we have the trip to the Male Choirs Association of Australia Festival in Sydney which will also require weekend accommodation and travel subsidies.

This Month's Don Spot

If you are a senior you will understand this one, if you deal with seniors this should help you understand them a little better, and if you are not a senior yet.....God willing, someday you will be.....

The \$2.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you three dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!!!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake!

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!

WE'VE been around the block more than once!

A lovely Australian Poem.

On The Lighter Side

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!'

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

Poor old Granddad's passed away, cut off in his prime,
He never had a day off crook - gone before his time,
We found him in the dunny, collapsed there on the seat,
A startled look upon his face, his trousers 'round his feet,
The doctor said his heart was good - as fit as any trout,
The Constable, he had his say, 'foul play' was not ruled out.

There were theories at the inquest, of snakebite without trace,
Of redbacks quietly creeping, and death from outer space,
No-one had a clue at all - the judge was in some doubt,
When Dad was called to have his say, as to how it came about,
'I reckon I can clear it up,' said Dad with trembling breath,
'You see it's quite a story - but it could explain his death.'

'This here exploration mob, had been looking at our soil,
And they reckoned that our farm was just the place for findin'
oil,
So they came and put a bore down, and said they'd make some
trials,
They drilled a hole as deep as hell, they said about three miles.

Well, they never found a trace of oil, so off they went, post
haste,
But I couldn't see a hole like that go to ruddy flamin' waste,
So I moved the dunny over it - a real smart move I thought,
I'd never have to dig again - I'd never be 'caught short'.

The day I moved the dunny, it looked a proper sight,
But I didn't dream poor Granddad would pass away that night,
Now I reckon what has happened - poor Granddad didn't know
The dunny was re-located, when that night he had to go.
And you'll probably be wondering, how poor Granddad did his
dash--
Well, he always used to hold his breath
Until he heard the splash!!



**The new badge which
pictured left (attached to
the name badge) is free
to all choristers, partners
and associate members.**

**If you do not have one,
and would like one, please
contact John Holland,
OMVC P.O Box 2310
Orange 2800 or phone
John on 6362 4744.**

A letter of appreciation from Neryl Burn

Addressed to Leon, Bev and “the boys” of OMVC, Neryl has asked to have this printed in the NOTES for all past and present members to read.

Many thanks to the past and present members of the choir, for their support and comfort during Donovan’s illness.

It meant so much to me and my family, to know he had so many good mates who were there for him to help ease his pain and anguish.

Don and I shared something wonderful during his association with the choir. I will always have fond memories of his achievements, first as a chorister, and later as Music Director.

Our love of music and the choir was something we shared from the first day we met.

A special thank you to Bev. for her early morning visits to the hospital to feed Don his breakfast, and the nights she kept vigil, so we could get some sleep. She was there for me when I was at my lowest, and her unselfish caring of my family when they needed somewhere to “bed down”.

I am still waiting for Don to come home, but I take comfort in knowing he had so many loyal friends, and the Celebration of his Life Memorial was proof of this.

He certainly will be remembered for his compassion, dedication, wicked sense of humour, and being ‘one of the guys’.

I think we can all truly say –

‘WHERE WOULD HE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT HIS MUSIC!’

Neryl Burn 31st August 2009



Two photos of Donovan taken at his Testimonial Dinner July 2007 at Newstead Bowling Club, the second capturing Donovan conducting the choir for the last time.

Photos supplied by Bev.

